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In re Application of

Rohrbach et al.

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This is in response to the outstanding Final Office Action of September 8, 2005 wherein pending claims 1-10 and 13-18 were finally rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136 or other applicable rule to have the response period extended the number of months necessary to render the attached communication timely if a petition is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account 06-1130 any fees necessary for entry of this amendment and/or extension of time.

Please make the following amendments to the Application as set forth below.

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